

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NGUYEN ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/691,319

Filed: OCTOBER 22, 2003

Title: "METHODS FOR REDUCING
PARTICULATE DENSITY AND
METHODS OF USING REDUCED-
DENSITY PARTICULATES"

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Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: TSOY, ELENA

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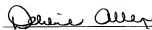
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §
1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii)
payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. §
146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 29, 2007 (the "Final Office
Action"), and the Advisory Action mailed August 10, 2007 (the "Advisory Action"), Applicants

respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.